

Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held

Live Stream - Recorded and Broadcast on YouTube
Thursday, 10 February · 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Google Meet joining info
Video call link:

Members:

Oakville Area	Burlington Area	Milton Area	Halton Hills Area
Andrea Chan, (Abbey Park H.S.)	Rupi Mann (Dr. F J Hayden and Nelson HS)	Jennifer Sibbitt (Brookville PS, Martin Street PS and Hawthorne Village PS)	Noureen Merchant (Georgetown District H.S.)
Saud Juman, Co-Chair (EJ James PS and Maple Grove PS)	Sarah Sharif (Orchard Park PS)	Kresimir Smintich (Craig Kielburger SS and Irma Coulson PS)	Patricia Kirchner, (Georgetown District HS and Silver Creek PS)
Zena Al-Mudaris, (Sunningdale P.S.)	Sarah Suhail (Ryerson PS)	Reza Ali Chaudhry (Bruce Trail PS)	Shari White, Co-Chair (McKenzie S. Bennett PS and Milton District HS)

Community Member:

Diana Bello (HMC Connections)

Trustees:

Jeanne Gray (Halton Hills, All Wards); Kelly Amos (Oakville, Wards 5, 7); Tanya Rocha, (Oakville, Wards 3, 6)

Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:

Aiman Flahat (Superintendent); Shelly Werynski (EJ James P.S. Principal); Luisa Botelho (Elsie Macgill S.S. Vice Principal)

Regrets:

Absent:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	Facilitator
7:00 pm	Welcome from the Co-Chairs Zena Al Mudaris and Andrea Chan	Honouring the Land and Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Flahat Honoured the Land and Territory 	Shari White and Saud Juman
7:05	Passing of the Minutes	November 18, 2021 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approved by: circulated earlier 	Shari White and Saud Juman
7:10	Director, Curtis Innes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director Innes greeted on behalf of the HDSB - Focused on Excellence and the importance of the contributions of Black Canadians 	
7:15	Honorable Jean Augustine, Former Federal Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking on Black History/Canadian History and the incredible contributions of Black Canadians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Flahat introduced the Honorable Jean Augustine - importance of students having allies - spoke of her experience as a teacher and the lack of black history in the curriculum - spoke of her journey to ensure that the contribution of Black Canadians is recognized 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - importance of the parent role in how children develop their own beliefs - parents to be advisors/supporters of the schools to ensure inclusion and recognition of diversity - "It takes a village to raise a child" parents are the village - Black History is not just for Black People it is Canadian History and it is not a pleasant history - it is a story of resilience 	
7:50	Dennis Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Black History Awareness Society - Dennis Scott will give information on an Essay writing contest that will be happening in Halton Region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - secondary student opportunity - teacher resources will be available - museums and libraries have partnered up for this - 3 winners - Students present narratives at museums and libraries - journals developed on Halton History 	

7:55	PIC Conference Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Conference in May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S/O Flahat mentioned there is funds set aside for this event - theme? - full day vs. ½ day - S. White brought up the point that a lot of virtual happening in schools and some parents/families feel “Zoomed” out - went on to say that we may not get the attendance we would like - R. Ali mentioned that perhaps we could focus on the pillars (priorities) - Suggested format - Keynote speaker break into workshops around the 5 HDSB priorities - Trustee Gray planning an online conference allows people to plan better and is more accessible, which could result in increased attendance - Z. Al-Mударis mentioned that maybe May is too short of notice to book speakers 	Members of the Committee
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$10 000-\$12 000 set aside for this conference and possibly more (another \$2000-\$3000) - Committee developed for the PIC Conference - message will be sent out to ask for volunteers for the PIC Conference - Trustee Amos suggested we tape and share for those who can not attend 	
8:20	OPICA / PRO Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News from the Ontario Parent Involvement Committee Association and the Ministry's Parent Engagement Office (Parents Reaching Out) 	<p>Environment Management Team update from Zena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zena gave report on the environment manag team (2 meetings). - Halton Garden Week Feb 24-27 (open to the public) - HDSB running Lomi programs through some schools <p>OPICA update from Shari</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry said because it is an election year consultations will be put on hold, however OPICA is thinking of putting a Town Hall 	S. White (Co-Chair)

			<p>meeting together so parties can share platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - possible change to graduation requirements for secondary school students 	
8:25	Trustee Updates		<p>Trustee Amos update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - school year calendar passed - waiting for government approval - the budget process is beginning (deficit budget) - approval for new elementary schools NE Oakville and Milton 	
8:25	Superintendent Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grants Update 	<p>S/O Flahat Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 71 applications - each school received \$750 - must submit a report of expenditures - June 1st reports due back to the Board - most projects focused on presentations - many schools collaborated for their plans this year 	Superintendent, Aiman Flahat
8:30	Next Meeting	March 31, 2022 Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shari proposed a sub committee meeting date - adjournment at 8:51pm 	

